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Amendment dated March 5, 2003  
Response to Requirement for Restriction of January 21, 2003

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For: METAL BINDING PROTEINS, RECOMBINANT  
HOST CELLS AND METHODS

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION WITH  
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2003, Applicants provide the following response, together with a Petition for Extension of Time and the necessary fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.